

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2004 - 0012

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD AND THE CALIFORNIA STATE
COASTAL CONSERVANCY (SCC) TO PROVIDE FUNDING SUPPORT FOR
THE COASTAL OCEAN CURRENTS MONITORING PROGRAM (COCMP)

WHEREAS

1. California voters enacted Proposition 40 in March 2002, the “California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2002.” The “Watershed, Clean Beaches and Water Quality Act” appropriated \$7 million from Proposition 40 to the SCC for the “purchase and installation of equipment to monitor and map coastal currents”;
2. The SCC is providing an additional \$7 million from its Proposition 50 funding for the COCMP. New 2003 legislation (AB 847, Pavley, signed by Davis) clarifies SCC’s authority to do projects that “provide for monitoring and mapping of coastal currents, marine habitats, and marine wildlife, in order to facilitate the protection and enhancement of resources within the coastal zone.” In regards to such projects, “the Conservancy shall consult with the State Water Resources Control Board in the development of the project, or grant, to ensure consistency with Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 30915 of Division 20.4 of the Public Resources Code (the Clean Beaches Initiative Grant Program))”;
3. Proposition 50 (Water Code Section 79543) provides \$100 million for financing projects that restore and protect the water quality and environment of coastal waters, estuaries, bays and near-shore waters, and groundwater. The 2003-04 state budget for the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) provides \$7 million in Proposition 50 funds for the California Ocean Data Observing System (CODOS) to improve the monitoring of coastal waters. Although the program names are slightly different, the intent of the drafters of that language was that this \$7 million was to be contributed toward the COCMP system that the SCC had initiated. Furthermore, as AB 847 requires, the SCC shall consult with the SWRCB in development of the COCMP;
4. The SCC has initiated a two-phase request for proposal process (concept and full proposals). The SCC is working with all nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards as well as staff from the SWRCB on this process; and
5. One of the essential objectives of the international, national, and state initiatives for ocean observing and monitoring systems is that they be integrated. Integration would be more difficult if the SWRCB decides to initiate a separate program. Since the SCC’s selection program is considerably more advanced than the SWRCB’s efforts, and integration is more likely if it is managed by one agency, staff recommends that the SWRCB approve an interagency agreement that would delegate project selection and management of these funds to the SCC.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the SWRCB authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and execute an interagency agreement with the SCC to provide funding support for the COCMP in an amount not to exceed \$7 million for Fiscal Year 2003-04.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on March 18, 2004.


Debbie Irvin
Clerk to the Board